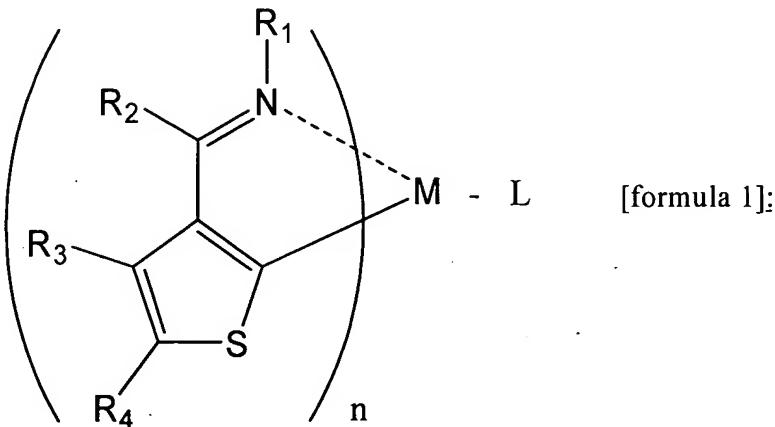


## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound represented by general formula [formula 1]:



wherein  $R_1$  is an alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. Also,;

wherein  $R_2$  is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. Also,;

wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , each of which may be the same or different, are individually hydrogen, a halogen element, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. Also,;

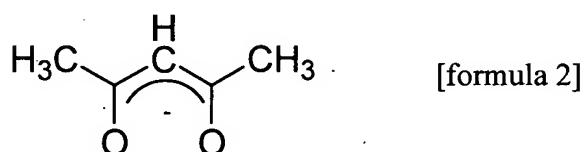
wherein  $M$  is at least one element of group 9 in the periodic table or at least one element of group 10 in the periodic table[.];

wherein When the  $M$  is at least one element of group 9 in the periodic table,  $n=2$ [.]  
when the  $M$  is one element of group 9 in the periodic table, and When the  $M$  is at least one element of group 10 in the periodic table,  $n=1$  when the  $M$  is one element of group 10 in the periodic table[.]; and

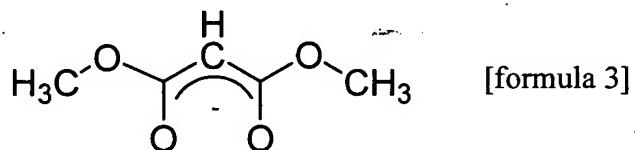
wherein Also, L is a monoanionic ligand having a  $\beta$ -diketone structure, a monoanionic bidentate chelate ligand having a carboxyl group, or a monoanionic bidentate chelate ligand having a phenolic hydroxyl group.

2. (Original) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the M is an iridium element or a platinum element.

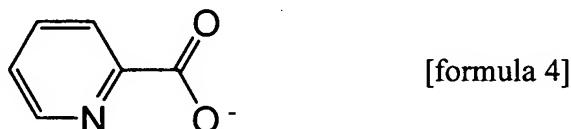
3. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula [formula 2].



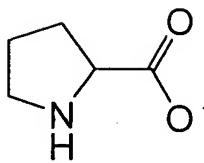
4. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula [formula 3].



5. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula [formula 4].

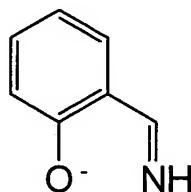


6. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula [formula 5].



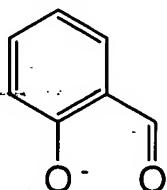
[formula 5]

7. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula formula 6.



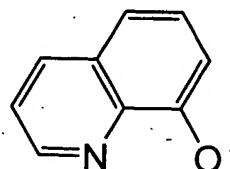
[formula 6]

8. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula formula 7.



[formula 7]

9. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula formula 8.



[formula 8]

10. (Original) An electroluminescent device having the phosphorescent compound according to claim 1.

11. (Original) An electroluminescent device using the phosphorescent compound according to claim 1 as a light emitter.

12. (Original) A light-emitting device having the electroluminescent device according to claim 10.

13. (Original) A light-emitting device having the electroluminescent device according to claim 11.

14. (Original) An electric appliance having the light-emitting device according to claim 12 in a display portion.

15. (Original) An electric appliance having the light-emitting device according to claim 13 in a display portion.